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Mrs. Lillian Crawford Dies at Residence

Mrs. Lillian Brosman Crawford, 72-year-old widow of Dr. W. G. Crawford, died at 9 o'clock Monday morning at Union Hospital. She resided at 520 Deming Street.

Mrs. Crawford was a member of Centenary Methodist Church and a charter member of the Woman's Department Club.

She is survived by one daughter, Miss Jeanne Crawford of Terre Haute; a stepson, Frank Crawford, associated with the Douglas Aircraft Corporation in England; a brother, Frank Brosman of Marshall, Ill., and three nieces and two nephews.

The body is at the Cross Funeral Home, where friends may call after 1:30 o'clock this afternoon and where services will be conducted at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Dr. G. Todd Roberts will officiate and burial will be in Highland Lawn Cemetery.

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ILLNESS IS FATAL TO MRS. CRAWFORD

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Crawford, 79, widow of John Crawford, died at 8 o'clock Saturday night at the residence, 1521 South Center street.

A member of St. Stephen Episcopal Church, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Alfred H. Caffee of Terre Haute and Mrs. Robert Hogue of Los Angeles, Calif.; one son, Richard S. Crawford of Kirkwood, Mo.; one sister, Mrs. James A. Cooper of Terre Haute, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The body was taken to the Frank M. Patrick J. Ryan Funeral Home.

Nov. 21, 1959

Crawford Estate Letters Granted, Set at $200,000

The Terre Haute First National Bank and a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Caffee of R. R. 2, Terre Haute, yesterday qualified as co-executors of the $200,000 estate of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Crawford, whose will was admitted to probate.

Mrs. Caffee, another daughter, Mary C. Hogue of Los Angeles, and a son, Richard S. Crawford of Kirkwood, Mo., are sole heirs of the estate.

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UNDER TERMS of the will household furnishings including books, pictures, clothing, silver, jewlery, and other items are bequeathed equally to the daughters; real estate at 1521 South Center Street is left to the daughters and son equally, other real estate is devised to the daughters and the sum of $25,000 each is bequeathed to the daughters. Residue of the estate is left equally to the two daughters and the son.

Attorney Charles E. Piety is attorney for the co-executors. He and Nelson F. Schroeder witnessed the will, dated July 13, 1954. Mrs. Crawford, widow of John Crawford, president of the old Terre Haute National Bank, died Nov. 21 at her home here.

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Community Affairs File

Bio. Crawford, Mary Sinclair

MISS MARY SINCLAIR CRAWFORD

Miss Mary Sinclair Crawford has been a resident of Terre Haute only five years, but she has made herself felt in the city through the large number of pupils who have attended the Classical School, of which she is an equal partner with Miss Bertha Pratt King. Miss King preceded Miss Crawford to Terre Haute. When she decided that a school of the character of the Classical was needed here, she wrote to her friend, Miss Crawford, making the proposition that she come west and help found such an institution. The school is now firmly established on a solid foundation.

The central idea of the Classical school, round which revolves all the efforts of the heads, is for college preparation. The requirements for entering any of the leading women's colleges of the country are taken as the basis of the school work. Students are guaranteed to be prepared for the college they may select. It is a field held exclusively by the Classical school in this part of the state.

Miss Crawford is a native of Philadelphia. She was graduated from the high school of that city, then attended the Bradford Academy in Massachusetts. Later she entered Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa., taking the full course and receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She was in the honor group for languages, in which she specialized. Mathematics and French are the subjects she teaches.

After completing her college course she accepted a position in the faculty of Miss Timlow's boarding school, Montclair, N.J.

Miss Crawford has been five times to Europe, making a speciality of French while abroad. Before organizing and taking parties she entered the Alliance Francais in Paris for study. Here the greatest lecturers are to be heard and the best possible facilities given. It is a part of the great Sorbonne University. When in Paris, Miss Crawford always attends French theaters and churches where sermons are preached in French.

In her class work Miss Crawford found few French stories within reach of an American child to make the impression of reading his first book one of pleasure and profit. To supply this need she has taken simple classic French stories and edited them with notes and vocabulary to meet the desired requirements. One of these she had published by the Henry Holt company in 1910. Its title is "Les Lunettes De Grand 'Maman'," by Pierre Perrault, which she has been using in her freshman classes. The publishing company wrote her that they had recently sold one hundred copies. Miss Crawford subscribes to the only French magazine published in this country, "The Echo of Two Worlds."

She recently became a member of the Woman's Club of Terre Haute. She is also a member of the Touring Club of France. Through this she is kept in touch with touring news of the country, of changes in hotels and general information of interest to tourists. This club occupies a splendid mansion in the city of Paris, where Miss Crawford takes her parties and has the privileges of its fine equipment.

As a staunch member of the Equal Franchise league, Miss Crawford regards the "Woman Question" in its comprehensive aspect, as the greatest now before the public. To her it is not simply the fight for the right of the ballot, which she regards as merely the symbol of what women are working for in this league. It is their struggle for personal freedom. For centuries women have been slaves of convention and for generation after generation have accepted that
[illegible].

condition. The question of getting the ballotis only an expedient to bring the question before the average unthinking mind. Women want the same moral code, the same standard of life,the same mental, spiritual, human freedom as men. Miss Crawford says that this question has become to her a religion, and if she were financially able she would devote her energies to advancing this cause in its broadest sense.

She will leave in June for her third European trip as chaperone of a party. She has enthusiasm and a love of the beautiful, which are so essential for the successful leader of a travel party. Her ancestors were Irish. From them she has inherited a keen sense of humor. She is a charming conversationalist, always catching the humorous side of things and has a retentive memory for ancedotes worth while.

BY Susan W. Ball, Spectator, April 27, 1912

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Community Affairs File

Bio, Crawford, Samuel

SAMUEL CRAWFORD.

One of the most pleasant memories to the older citizens is that of Samuel Crawford, an urbane and elegant gentleman who came to Terre Haute in 1828, at the age of 25, and died in 1857. His name is borne by his grandson, S. C. McKeen, and his surviving son is Major Frank Crawford, paymaster of the Vandalia railroad. Samuel Crawford was born in Ulster, Ireland, on the banks of bright Lough Neagh. This north-east corner of Ireland is not separated by many miles of water from Scotland, not enough to prevent a large number of Scotch from having settled in Ulster, which accounts for the Scotch name of our Irish-born citizen. When the Crawfords visit Ireland they are shown the farm from which the family came. Lough Neagh is not very large, about eighteen miles long, but it is the largest lake in Great Britain: Some of its waters will petrify wood and the hard wood taken from the lough is made into good bones. It is well known in Ireland that once some genius, either evil or good, tore up a fine piece of Ulster and threw it into the sea. The waters rushed into the the cavity and made Lough Neagh. The proof of this is that the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea is the shape of the lough, and who can tell where the Isle of Man, and its tailless cats, came from?

An older brother, John came to Terre Haute, and Samuel Crawford followed him. They were long in business as J. and S. Crawford, and died not many months apart. Mr. Crawford was a very likable man though quiet and sedate and essentially a man of business.

He was married to a daughter of Francis Cunningham, the early innkeeper and postmaster of Terre Haute, in 1831. When Terre Haute was incorporated as a town in 1832, he was appointed treasurer by the town trustees and he was afterwards elected to the same office by the people."

In old times everybody was expected to be a volunteer fireman. The town bought its first engine in 1838 and five companies were organized. Mr. Samuel Crawford was captain of the first fire company and on the rolls of the company were the names of Jacob D. Early, Thomas Parsons, Jos. O. Jones, D. S. Donaldson, Jas. Farrington, Thomas Dowling, Alexander McGregor, and other men of the kind. In the hook and ladder company John Crawford was a ladderman, Zenas Smith, a rodeman and T. A. Madison the foreman. In the company of fire guards were enrolled Demas Deming as captain and Nancey Rose as fourth assistant. Before cisterns were built water was hauled from the river and the prizes of $3 for the first hogshead of water, $2 for the second, $1 for the third and 25 cents for each hogshead after caused mad races between the draymen of that period.

Mr. Crawford was on the first board of directors of the local branch of the old State Bank of Indiana. He was also the first president of the T. H. and I. railroad, from the time it was completed in 1852 until he died in 1857. Mr. Rose, who was president during the construction, resigned when that part of the work was done.

When Mr. Crawford suddenly died in 1857 the event created a great sensation in Terre Haute. In the Wabash Express a very fine tribute, probably from the pen of Col. E. N. Hudson, said: "As a business man Mr. Crawford had no superior in this country. He was exact, almost to a proverb, demanding however, only that which was of right his due and giving that which belonged to his neighbor." Referring to his handsome presence, it was said: "Nature when she made him stamped upon his manly form and lofty brow the impress of the most exalted manhood;" and further mention was made of his fine exterior, gentle and amiable temperament and exact and systematic methods. A peculiar revelation of Mr. Crawford's exact and systematic methods was made in 1890 when the removal of the corner stone of the old court house brought to light an elaborate record of Terre Haute statistics, made by Mr. Crawford in 1843 and deposited that year under the corner stone of the old town hall, whence it had been removed to the corner block of the court house, afterward destroyed. Nearly 50 years had elapsed when the carefully made record was restored to light. It had been elegantly written with a quill pen on a large card and gave information of municipal affairs, population, prices, etc., which would occupy a column or two of this paper. Among other things was given the price list of 108 articles of general use. It was an interesting exhibit of "the previous conditions" prior to 1873, thirty years prior, of which may be noted: Corn, 12 to 12; wheat, 50 to 56; oats, 8 to 10; pototaes, 10 to 12; pork, 02; beef, 02 to 30; eggs, 03 to 06; brick, 2.50 to 3.00; whisky, 14 to 16; cow and calf, $6 to $10, and horses, $25 to $50; When Mr. Crawford, who was town treasurer at the time, guarding the annual municipal revenue of $1,200, prepared the card he may have thought of its lying buried for centuries, but it would have required as much prophetic power or imagination to have foreseen the wonderful changes which would occur between 1843 and 1890. The T. H. and I. was not built in 1843. In his own time it had only two trains a day. The difference between the T. H. and I. under his presidency and the Vandalia under his son-in-law, W. R. McKeen, alone would have been a wonderful vision.

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Obituary.

Mrs. ELIZA CRAWFORD HELM the beloved wife of Dr. James T. Helm, died at Louisville, Kentucky, on the 16th of October, 1866, in the thirty-second year of her age. Her disease was cholera, which proved fatal on the third day of her illness.

Mrs. Helm was a native of Terre Haute, where she was born in February, 1834. She was the second daughter of Samuel and Eliza Crawford, and grand-daughter of Francis and Elizabeth Cunningham, two of the earliest settlers of this place. Mrs. H. was connected with the oldest and most respectable families of this city, and her untimely death, as might have been expected, cast a gloom over the community where she had been so long cherished and beloved.

The early residents of Terre Haute remember Mrs. Helm from infancy. She was, as it were, one of the "household" of every family for a quarter of a century, and, indeed, the idol of every circle in which she moved. Those who loved and enjoyed the friendship and society of her honored grand parents, and her no less noble father, could not fail to become attached to the charming daughter, so worthy of this care and affection. United to a person of uncommon loveliness, Mrs. Helm possessed a heart and mind full of kindness and tenderness toward her companions, neighbors and friends. It is seldom that so many rare virtues and happy characteristics are found combined in one person. A daughter, sister, wife and mother, she was all that could have been desired to those who bore to her the tenderest relations. Happy in disposition, kind in her social intercourse, and full of charity towards all. Mrs. Helm was a model of the highest and most perfect type of womanhood. Her nobleness of person was a true index to that nobleness of mind which made her so many friends. She had but few equals in all that makes her sex admired and beloved.

The old and the young have sickened and died. This is the lot of all. We have lost the "fathers and mothers in Israel," and mourners are seen on every hand. Those who have ripened for the grave, sadly, though not unexpectedly, have been taken away. The "three-score years and ten" once passed, Death, at any moment, comes not upon us with surprise. That decree of more than human authority blends with itself mercy and kindness. But the young, the beautiful, and the blooming wife and mother has also been snatched by the Destroyer, and it is this visitation that weighs us down, because unlooked for and sudden. Long life, in the society of a kind and devoted husband, beautiful and idolized children, beloved brother and sister, and attached relatives, seemed to be in store for Mrs. Helm. Bright earthly hopes clustered around her and her family, and the future seemed joyous and happy. There were no clouds around her pathway. And yet we shall see her no more. The clods of the valley cover over all that was mortal of one of the most kind, humane, and brilliant of her sex. Well may we inquire and ask: Has her beauty gone? Has she, too, faded, as the petals fall from the sweetest flower? All the fairest roses and brightest plants are gathered by thee, O Death! But the treasures of the soul—her immortality—thanks be to God! is beyond thy reach! Eliza Crawford Helm died a Christian, in the bosom of the Episcopal Church, of which she was a devoted member.

The warmest sympathy of this community is with the afflicted husband, dear children, brother, sister and relatives of the family. The writer knows how to feel for the bereavement of the husband and father of the little orphans, whose loss no time can assuage or supply. The blow is to them irreparable, and Heaven alone can be to them a protector, comforter and friend. The Angel of Death which entered his door, calls upon all alike, and all must prepare for his dread visitations.

'Twas at thy door, O friend! and not at mine,
The angel with the amaranthine wreath,
Passing, descended, and with voice divine,
Whispered a word that had a sound like death.

Then fell upon the house a sudden gloom,
A shadow on those features fair to win,
And softly, from that hushed and darkened room,
Two angels issued, where but one went in.

October 31, 1866.

Death of W. A. Crawford.

The Evening Light, of San Ant
contains the funeral notice of W
Crawford, formerly of this city,
went to that place some time ag
the benefit of his health. Accor
to the Light his death occurr
Newcomb's farm, ten miles east o
Antonio, at eight o'clock, on
morning of January 17th, of bron
consumption. The funeral ser
took place at the city cemetery o
following day.

Crawford Family

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Oct. 1881

MRS. W. R. M'KEEN.

The announcement of the death of this beloved lady will cause widespread sorrow in this city. [illegible] here in 1832, her cheerful, happy, [illegible] life, her generous and frank nature, [illegible] been known to all, and have endeared to all, one whose whole existence has been a blessing to the many whose lives she brightened.

The first intelligence, not many days ago, of Mrs. McKeen's illness, a gastric trouble added to a typho-malarial complication, gave serious concern to her many friends. Her death at 6 o'clock last evening was a shock to the entire community.

Mrs. Ann F. McKeen and Mr. Frank C. Crawford were the surviving children of the late Samuel Crawford, whose dignified and honorable career, exalted character and standing in former years are well known. She was married to Mr. W. R. McKeen in 1857.

One of the few sorrows that came to shade the unvarying cheerfulness of the succeeding twenty-five years was the sudden death of her father whilst she was on her bridal tour.

Such a happy home is rare, as the one she made, where children were reared to beautiful, useful womanhood, and to noble manhood by the wisest, most judicious training; which was the scene of the most generous hospitality, bright with happy life and innocent gayety, the delightful resort of numerous devoted relatives and friends.

The cares of a large houshold and the demands of an extensive social circle did not limit the active exercise of most generous benevolence.

In the organization and philanthropic work of the Soldiers' Aid Society and its successor, the Ladies' Aid Society, Mrs. McKeen was an energetic, wise and charitable moving spirit. In other ways, quietly and unostentatiously, she fed and clothed the poor, encouraged the struggling, and supported the weak and wavering.

The place she has filled in household, in good works, in her friends' hearts can never be filled, and the strength and influence of her strong, positive character, so full of charity in word and deed, so kindly and amiable, will be missed, not only by an anguish-stricken family, but by a sorrowing community.

Words fail to adequately express the sympathy of friends with the husband, sons and daughters, in their irreparable loss.

Memories of the departed will but deepen the truth of these words, that were so true of our dear friend:

"She [illegible]

MARRIED:

On Thursday evening, at St. Steven's Church, in this city, by the Rev. Mr. Spencer, Dr. J. T. HELM, to Miss ELIZA CRAWFORD, youngest daughter of the late SAMUEL CRAWFORD.

At the conclusion of the marriage ceremonies, the Sabbath School scholars, who had received instruction from the fair bride, presented her with a beautiful boquet as a testimonial of their warm esteem.

Repairing then to the residence of Mr. W. W. McKeen, the invited guests partook of a sumptuous repast and tendered their congratulations to the blushing bride and happy groom. And amid that gay throng, where beauty sat enthroned upon many a brow, where wit sparkled, and female grace and female loveliness were everywhere, none were more sparkling, none more lovely, and none so beautiful as the blushing bride. She was the Queen in that brilliant assembly, and may she ever remain the Queen of her husband's heart.

WITSIUS A. CRAWFORD is dead, is sad news that comes up from San tonio, Texas. He died of bronchial sumption, at a farm ten miles out f San Antonio on the morning of the His mother and wife were with Witz Crawford was born in Greenc on the 17th of October, 1850, and can this city when 8 years old. His fa died a year later. At the age of 1 took a position in the National Bank, where he remained a trusted c until time of his departure in Oc last. Possescing a high order of in tive genius, he took great interes electrical appliances, and had not health failed him would have att some note in this direction. It is s note the early death of one so m and unassuming, yet talented and minded, industrious, and faithful trusts.

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DIED:

In this city on the 24th inst., JOHN CRAWFORD, in the 60th year of his age.

The funeral will take place from the First Congregationalist Church, on to-morrow, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Crawford was one of our old and a much respected citizen. For many years he was an active merchant in this city, but had retired upon a competency and was enjoying the fruits of a frugal and temperate life.—But a few months ago, we recorded the death of his brother Samuel. As brothers they were warmly attached to each other in life, and in death, it seems, they wished to be united.

It is fitting that those whose heads are frosted with the finger of time, should fall into the grave when the earth's bosom is white with snow. Nature is in her sere and yellow leaf, and age rests sweetly in the tomb. May the grave, the solemn leveler of the world—be a happy resting place to our friend, and may the realities of the future be glorious, ecstatic in his immortal vision.

At Kankakee, Illinois, on the 17th inst., BENJAMIN B. JACKSON, in the 30th year of his age.

Mr. Jackson was formerly a citizen of this county, and was much respected by all who knew him.

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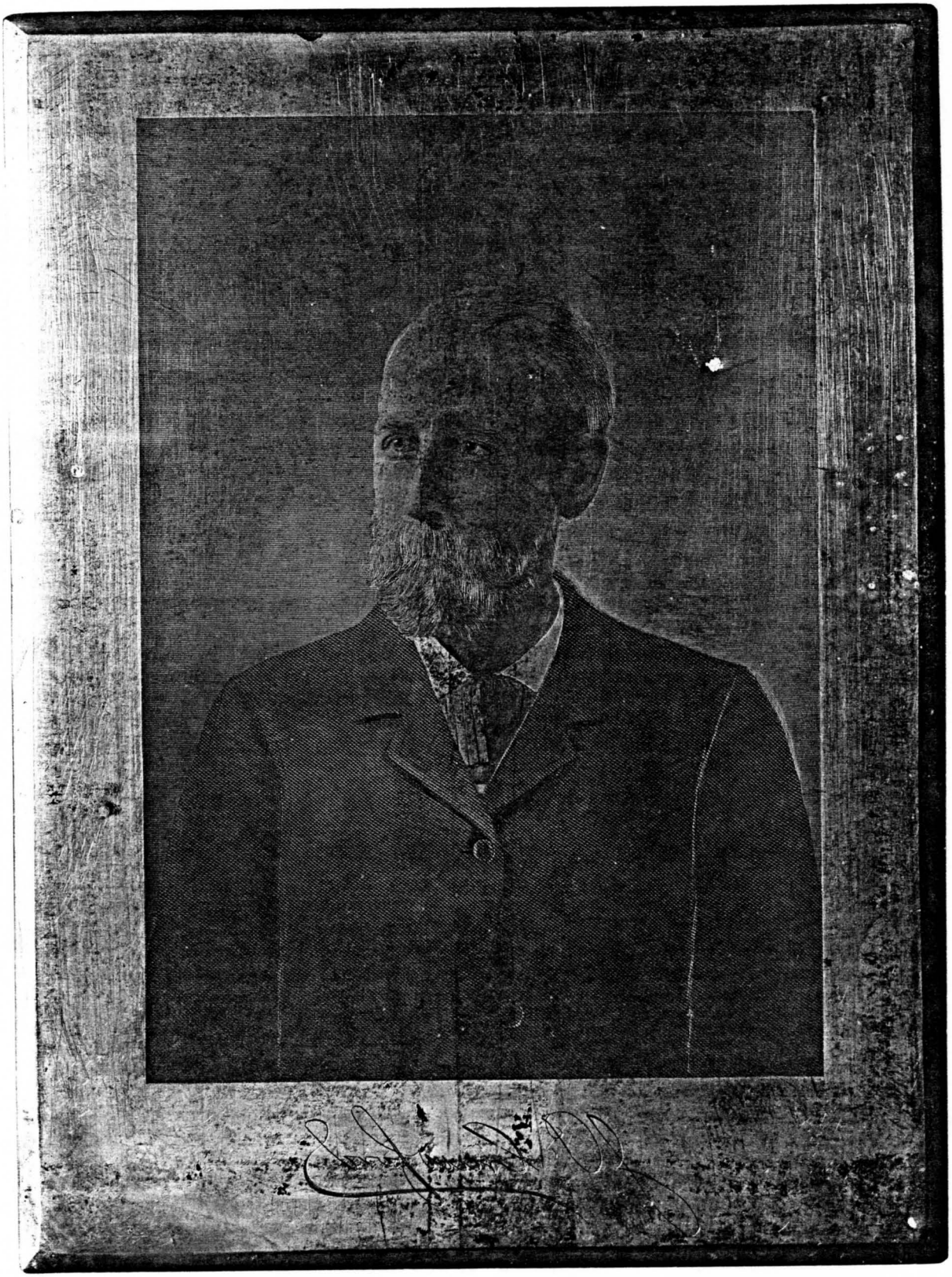
Photocopy of A. J. Crawford from original steel engraving, which is in Archives.



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CRAWFORD GENEALOGY

Written by

MR JOHN CHANEY,

SULLIVAN, INDIANA.

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THE CRAWFORD GENEALOGY

The Crawford Genealogy begins in Scotland, and comes to the United States a century before the Revolution—

The name "Crawford" has various spellings in the course of the family history.

I looked into the Geneological books in the Congressional Library at Washington and found a somewhat broken story of the family- and withal a creditable account of the same- It is of Scotch-Irish extraction.

The Crawfords of South Carolina who figured as a statesmen in our Colonial and subsequent history was of the Scotch-Irish tradition, as was also the Crawford who was burned at the stake by the Indians at what is now Bucyrurs Ohio and he was also a personal friend of President Washington.

They were of the ancestry of the Crawfords in the Genealogy of which we are interested.

Jane Todd Crawford, whose body lies in the Johnson Cemetery near Grazsville, was the wife of Thomas Crawford a member of the Indiana Legislature of 1820.

He was killed in a fall into the basement of a business house at Madison, Indiana,— after which said Jane Todd Crawford came, with her son Joseph- a Presbyterian Minister- to the Hopewell church in Turman Township- where she died.

Martin Bowmans immediate ancestors, were as follows:-

Father- David Crawford, who was four times married.

1. To Mary Garrison, with whom there were children as follows:-

Thomas, Minerva, Allen, Mary and Josephine- all now

deceased.

2. To Sarah Fox, with whom there were children as follows:-

Martin Bowman, Emiline, George W., Matilda, Susannah and Laura- all deceased but Matilda and Susannah.

3. Mary Fox- sister of Sarah- and there are no surviving children-

4. Mary Mahan, of Jackson Township, near Hymera- with whom there no children.

David Crawford is buried in Hymera Cemetery.

John Crawford, was David's father- He lived 101 years- died in Columbiana County, Ohio- and with his wife lies in the Clarkson Cemetery, Elkrun Township- John Crawford's children were as follows:- Edward, Samuel, David, and another son who died in Missouri, and Matilda who married one John Burns-

John Crawford, in his last days, lived with Matilda- where I last saw him in July 1876. He was living when Durille was born, and sent him a silver quarter of dollar as a birth gift,

Samuel Crawford, above named was my maternal grandfather, and being a brother of David, Martin's father, made my mother and Martin first cousins.

Allen Crawford, died at Shelburn and is buried in Little Hock Cemetery- in a grave which is lost- at the request of Allen's children, who live in Illinois, I had the Government set up a tombstone in his memory- at about where his grave is supposed to be-

Thomas and Allen were soldiers of Abraham Lincoln.

My notes on the Crawford genealogy, have become misplaced and lost- so that I cannot, without another investigation in the Congressional Library give you more than this-

The history of the family shows that through the several generations- they lived exemplary lives- and engaged in about all the vocations, and the professions- lawyers, teachers, publishers, artists, sculptors- farmers, horticulluralists, architects and builders, sailors- every male having a particular calling, and every woman fitted for special service of one sort and another.

As a rule they were true to their Scotch tradition- law abiding and useful in their respective communities.

It is a particular tradition that the males, at maturity were physically strong- the women worthy and accomplished.

John C. Chaney

Dec. 18, 1933.

A portion of the History of Martin B. Crawfords family as far as he could find in a study- his mother was a Crawford and a 2nd cousin of Martin B. Crawford.

Dec. 18, 1933

Crawford Family

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December 8, 1976

Mrs. Elizabeth R. Merrill
Local History Division
Vigo County Public Library
222 North 7th Street
Terre Haute, Indiana 47801

Dear Mrs. Merrill,

Thank you for your letter of November 30. You did a wonderful job. I have not found Jerry Brown yet but am working on it. I have another mystery for you. I am looking for a woman whose maiden name was Ruth Elizabeth Crawford. She was born in Terre Haute about 1901. She was married to (1) Mr. France and (2) Mr. Norrick. First names unknown. She is noted for her writings in the "New Republic" and for other publications about the repression of liberal writers in the McCarthy era. Earlier addresses were 3243 M---F--- Ave, Gary and 1316 N 7th Street in either Clinton or Terre Haute, Ind. This information came from Mr. Stanley Silverman, New York. I would very much appreciate any information you might have as I am at a dead end. Thank you very much.

1924. 2438 N. 9th Ed. G. Crawford

Sincerely yours,

Meg V. Mathews

(Mrs.) Meg V. Mathews
Indiana Authors
Project Assistant

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1925 Crawford, Ruth 2438 N 9th
1316 N 7 Rev Wm Cox (Pastor Greenwood Baptist Ch)
1929 " "

1924 1316 N 7 John Shaw

1924 Crawford, Ruth E reporter the Spectator
2438 N 9
2438 N 9 Ed G. Crawford driver for I P King. (Ice Cream Mfrs)

1922 Crawford, Ed G (Elizabeth) Glenn Model Ice Cream Co h 2438 N 9
(Ruth not listed

1918 Crawford, Ed G. (Elizabeth) glassworker h 1330 Ash

1929 Crawford " " " driver I P K h 2438 N 9
no Ruth

1932 Same
1933 "
1934 "
1935-36 no listing
1937-38 no listing
1940 no listing

Crawford, Edw G. (Elizabeth) h 1519 Beech
no Ruth

Gas Co record of removals—
Grad. from Garfield H.S. 1918—
Alumni office.
Marquis
Brother Bill — worked at Spectator. 335-5823

1930 St. Petersburg, Fla. Tourist Mag.
1931 H. Seaver Co. advertising Agency.
New York.—

Mrs. Gary — Mrs Joseph Novick, 3243 Md. St, Gary, Ind 46409

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December 10, 1976

Mrs. Meg V. Mathews
Indiana Authors Project Assistant
Wabash College
Crawfordsville, Ind 47801

Dear Mrs. Mathews:

After much sleuthing, I have gleaned the following information about Ruth Elizabeth Crawford:

Her parents were Edward G. and Elizabeth Crawford. In 1918 he was listed as a glassworker in the Terre Haute City Directory. Their last address was 1519 Beech, in 1936. I found Ruth's name in 1924, living with her family at 2438 N. 9th St. She was a writer for the Saturday Spectator, here. In the list of graduates of Garfield High School, her name was included in the 1918 class.

At the Alumni office at ISU, I learned that she received a two year license in elementary education in 1922. She was working at the Spectator as a reporter from 1920 to 1927. In 1930 she was in St. Petersburg, Florida, working for a tourists magazine. In 1931, she was with H. Seaver Advertising Agency. (Perhaps in New York?). Then I telephoned someone who had worked for the Spectator, and she told me that she had a brother named Bill. Wonder of wonders, there was one William Crawford listed in the current telephone book! I called him, and he is her brother! She is Mrs. Joseph Norrick, 3243 Maryland St., Gary, Indiana, 46409. He said that she would be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Merrill

Elizabeth R. Merrill
Local History Division.

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OCT. 8 1977

PAUL SCHEWENE
85 FIRST STREET
SILVER GROVE, KY. 41085

Dear Sir,

I would like to know if you have in your files or newspaper records a copy of the Obituary of my great grandfather BRUCE N. (CALLED HERMAN) CRAWFORD. HE died in Terre Haute, Ind. on Jan. 15-1915 and was buried on Jan 17-1915 at the Highland Lawn Cemetary in Terre Haute, Ind.

I would greatly appreciate a copy of his Obituary. I have included a large SASE for your reply as to availability and cost of a copy.

Thanks You,
Very Much,
Paul Schewene

October 18, 1977

Dear Mr. Schwene:

I am sending a copy of the obituary of Bruce Crawford as you requested. The usual charge is 10¢ per page copied.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth R. Merrill
Local History Div.

October 8, 1952

Miss Florence Crawford
Terre Haute,Indiana

Dear Miss Crawford:

Tonight I would like very much to be in Terre Haute helping your good friends express to you how much we have appreciated your many years of service to our community, but duty and the "Board Walk" call me to Atlantic City so I must do the next best thing and write you a note.

By the time this is read all of your friends will have canvassed your good deeds that you have performed for your community and recounted some of them at this meeting. They are a great list of performances and we of the Vigo County Historical Society are proud of them and of you.

We therefore feel that we must in some small way pay our respects to you and have dedicated this meeting to you.

May you find yourself refreshed by this meeting tonight and have that inner sunshine which warms the heart and all who come in contact with it.

Sincerely,

(Mr. & Mrs.) Loring C. Halberstadt, President
Vigo County Historical Society

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May 20, 1977

Mrs. James S. Gardner
400 N. Toland Ave.
West Covina, Ca. 91790

Dear Mrs. Gardner:

I searched the Census of Vigo County for 1870, but found only one M. E. Crawford, who was 40 at that time, so would be too old for your ancestor. I am enclosing a copy of the record, in case it may fit in in some way. The 1863 City Directory of Terre Haute lists a Mrs Mary A. Crawford, living on South Third. Crawford is an old name here, but I cannot find any Mention of the birth of your Mary Elizabeth.

I wonder if there is a chance the family was Catholic. Perhaps we could enquire at the Catholic Churches here. They usually keep excellent birth and death and marriage records. The name Crawford is Scotch or Irish in origin, so it is possible that the family may have been Catholic. St. Joseph's is the oldest Catholic Church here, so I suppose it would be the one you should write. The address is 113 South 5th St.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Merrill

Elizabeth R. Merrill
Local History Division

222 N. 7TH STREET, TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA 47801 • PHONE 812-232-5041 • TELETYPE 810-356-2100

1870 CENSUS OF UNITED STATES

State: Indiana County: Vigo Town Township: 3rd Ward city of Terre Haute
Date of Enumeration: July 5, 1870 Post Office Terre Haute Page 13

Dwelling No.	Names	Age	Sex Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal property	Birthplace	Father Foreign born	Mother Foreign born	Month born in year	Month Md in year	School in Year	Can't Read or write	Constitutional Relations	Remarks
34	Crawford, M.E.	40	F	Keeping house			Kentucky								
	Wm H	19	M	Clerk in bank			Indiana								
	Laura	17	F	At school			"					1			
	Charles	13	M	" "			"					1			
	Hitton, M.J.	63	F	Without Occ.			East Va								

28 April 1977

Genealogy Department
Emaline Fairbanks Library
222 N. 7th Street
Terre Haute, Indiana 47807

Dear Genealogist,

The Vigo County Health Department referred me to you in answer to my r equest for a birth record of an ancestor, one Mary Elizabeth Crawford. She was born in Terre Haute in November 1860, according to family records, but there is no other information available on her parentage at the present time.

1870 Census

The Health Department stated that their records only go back to 1882, but you might have information prior to that date and would search for a fee of $2.00. I know I haven't given you much to go on, but would greatly appreciate any help you might give, and enclose a check for that amount.

I do know that Mary Elizabeth Crawford married Charles Peleg Gardner, but do not know where. She died in November, 1919 in Denver, Colorado.

Thank you for any help you might give on the Crawford family.

Sincerely,

Mrs. James S. Gardner
400 North Toland Ave.
West Covina, Ca. 91790

went through Prairie Creek to Prairieton P.O.

Not in Honey Creek 1870 or 1880

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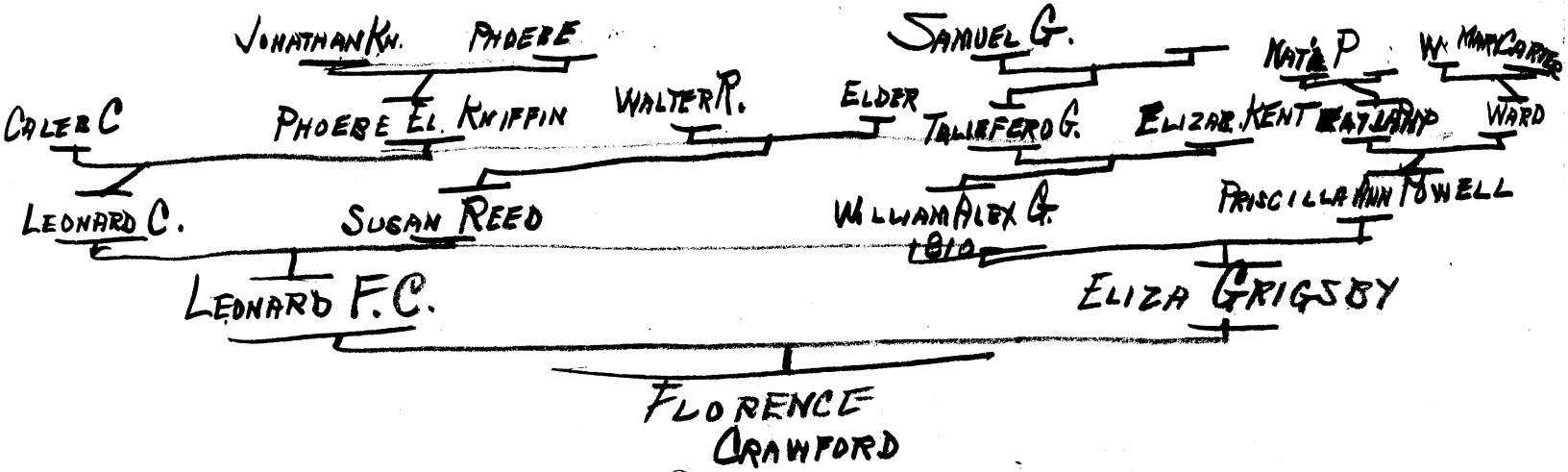
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA



Crawford

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Miss Florence Crawford,
Emeline Fairbanks Mem. Library,
Terre Haute, Indiana.

30 Lincoln Street
Watertown, Massachusetts
November 20,1942.

Dear Miss Crawford,

I was glad to get your letter and will send you a copy of my little book. I was also glad to hear even indirectly from Mr Spacht,though I may,just may,owe him the letter,but I think not. He is a very fine man. I have asked him to furnish me withhhe descendants of Fannie Crawford,who was my grandfather's Siater,and the beayty of the family,so says tradition. She was married in Guildhall Vermont. You get after him about it.

My ancestor was James Crawford ,a Scotch-Irish immegrant of 1726. My son Frederick Coolidge Crawford is a prominent citizen of Cleveland. His mother was a Coolidge. I am just finishing a memoir of her,to be printed as soon as cost of living and taxes permit,in a limited edition. I had 500 of the Early Ancestors p[illegible]nted. It is a pretty book isn't it,the Harvard Press took great pains with it.

I am just writing a letter to Captain Arthur Christie Crawfurd of Hamptom,Middlesex,England,who is a fine old fellow, a couple of years younger than I am,which makes him about 83. His picture is in the little book. The frontispiece is of my father. He served several terms in both branches of the State legislature and held many town and county offices. He wasn't afraid. He was prominent locally in the Civil War. Mother was a Bothwell,a descendant of the Oakham,Mass.Bothwells I have a life of father almost complete to be left in MS for the descendants. In this I tried to give some account of th the living conditions of the Pioneers of Nothern New England.

Is Mr.Spacht settled in your city. Please inform me,

And greatly oblige me,

Sincerely,

Fred Coolidge Crawford

Miss Florence Crawford,
Librarian,Terre Haute,Ind.

CRAWFORD

Corena Crawford,* wife of Andrew J. Purcell, of Palestine, for many years a resident of this county, died on the 28th day of April, being 61 years, 7 months and 24 days old. She has been a worthy member of the Congregational church of Terre Haute from her youth. Her life was quiet and unassuming, she was kind hearted and generous, devoting herself entirely to the care of her home and family, which was the world to her. She leaves but one child, who with the family of grandchildren, show how well she accomplished the task of leading them in the true and right way. Many of her old friends followed her to the grave and as we laid her away to rest, keenly felt that a good and true woman had left the world.

* Daughter of Caleb Crawford

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Arcola, IL.
December 12, 199

Genealogy Department
Vigo County Public Library

Dear Librarians.

I wish to thank you for the kind gift of the book "History of the Public Library in Vigo County."It is especially meaningful to me since Emeline Crawford Fairbanks was a sister to my gr.grandmother.

I am enclosing some family records that you might like for the Crawford and Fairbanks files.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Moody
Dorothy Moody
711 N. Locust
Arcola, Il. 61910

P. S. Jonathan Kniffen, one of the Revolutionary War Soldiers for whom the D.A. R. has erected a monument for at the site of the Old Orchard Burying Ground, was the father-in-law of Caleb Crawford, Sr.

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Husband: David CRAWFORD

Born: in:
Married: in:
Died: in:
Father:
Mother:
Other Spouses:

Wife:

Born: in:
Died: in:
Father:
Mother:
Other Spouses:

CHILDREN

1 M
Name: Caleb CRAWFORD
Born: 1771 in: New York
Married: in:
Died: October 16, 1829 in: Terre Haute, Vigo Co. Indiana
Spouses: Phoebe Elizabeth KNIFFIN, Phoebe Elizabeth KNIFFIN, Miss/Mrs.?? Bailey, Miss/Mrs.?? Bailey

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Name:
Born: in:
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Died: in:
Spouse:

Husband: Caleb CRAWFORD

Born:	1771	in:	New York
Married:		in:	
Died:	October 16, 1829	in:	Terre Haute, Vigo Co. Indiana
Father:	David CRAWFORD		
Mother:			
Other Spouses:	Phoebe Elizabeth KNIFFIN, Miss/Mrs.?? Bailey, Miss/Mrs.?? Bailey		

Wife: Phoebe Elizabeth KNIFFIN

Born:	1786	in:	New York
Died:	August 18, 1853	in:	Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana
Father:	Johnathan B. KNIFFIN		
Mother:	Patience Elizabeth unknown		
Other Spouses:			

CHILDREN

1	Name: Druscilla CRAWFORD		
	Born:	in:	
F	Married:	in:	
	Died:	in:	Shelby Co., Ill.
	Spouses: Bartholomew DURKEE, Bartholomew Durkee, William Coultrin		
2	Name: Jane CRAWFORD		
	Born:	in:	
F	Married:	in:	
	Died:	in:	
	Spouse: John Beymer		
3	Name: Emeline CRAWFORD		
	Born:	in:	posibly Gibson Co., Indiana
F	Married:	in:	
	Died:	in:	Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana
	Spouse: Fairbanks		
4	Name: Corrine CRAWFORD		
	Born:	in:	Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana
F	Married:	in:	
	Died:	in:	
	Spouse: Andrew Purcell		
5	Name: Leonard C. CRAWFORD		
	Born: January 01, 1805	in:	New York
M	Married:	in:	
	Died: November 14, 1883	in:	Illinois
	Spouses: Corrine Ann DURKEE, Susan Reed, Mary W. KIDDER		
6	Name: Phoebe CRAWFORD		
	Born: 1809	in:	New York
F	Married:	in:	
	Died: 1887	in:	Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana
	Spouse:		
7	Name: Ann Mary CRAWFORD		
	Born: 1811	in:	New York
F	Married: 1836	in:	
	Died: 1888	in:	Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana
	Spouse: David W. Rankin		
8	Name: Patience Sophia CRAWFORD		
	Born: 1815	in:	Ohio
F	Married:	in:	
	Died:	in:	Cincinnati, Ohio
	Spouse:		

9	Name:	Caleb CRAWFORD	
	Born:	August 04, 1817	in: posibly Gibson Co., Indiana
M	Married:		in:
	Died:	May 04, 1889	in: Shelby Co, . Ill.
	Spouse:	Losada Jane HENDRICKS	
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	Born:		in:
	Married:		in:
	Died:		in:
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12	Name:		
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	Spouse:		
18	Name:		
	Born:		in:
	Married:		in:
	Died:		in:
	Spouse:		
19	Name:		
	Born:		in:
	Married:		in:
	Died:		in:
	Spouse:		

Direct Descendants of David CRAWFORD

1 David CRAWFORD
..... 2 Caleb CRAWFORD 1771 - 1829 b: 1771 in New York d: October 16, 1829 in Terre Haute, Vigo Co. Indiana
..... +Phoebe Elizabeth KNIFFIN 1786 - 1853 b: 1786 in New York d: August 18, 1853 in Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana
..... 3 Caleb CRAWFORD 1817 - 1889 b: August 04, 1817 in posibly Gibson Co., Indiana d: May 04, 1889 in Shelby Co, . Ill.
..... +Losada Jane HENDRICKS 1830 - 1902 b: December 06, 1830 in posibly Gibson Co., Indiana d: October 04, 1902 in Home of daughter, Amanda (G.R. Terry)
..... 4 Venona CRAWFORD. 1864 - 1943 b: March 22, 1864 in Sweede Point, Dallas Co. Iowa d: December 29, 1943 in Du Quion, Perry Co. Ill., Marshal Browning Hosp.
..... +Elmer Ellsworth CROCKER 1860 - 1938 b: November 03, 1860 in Poe Cemetery, Montville Twp. Medina Co. Ohio d: September 29, 1938 in 105 E. Nettie, Sesser, Franklin Co. Ill. , Home
..... 5 Raymond J. CROCKER 1891 - 1979 b: July 11, 1891 in Blue Mound, Mosquito Twp., Christian Co., Ill d: February 20, 1979 in John Cockran Veteran's Hosp., St. Louis Mo.
..... +Mary Della MCBRIDE 1894 - 1990 b: May 11, 1894 in Ava, Levan Twp., Jackson Co., Ill. d: May 06, 1990 in Scheller, Franklin Co. Ill., Home of daughter
..... 6 Dorothy Elizabeth Crocker 1921 - b: August 04, 1921 in Franklin County, Illinois
..... *2nd Wife of Caleb CRAWFORD:
..... *3rd Wife of Caleb CRAWFORD:
..... *4th Wife of Caleb CRAWFORD:

Crawford

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Number 2406: Land office at Vincennes November 2, 1816.

It is hereby certified that Caleb Crawford of Cincinnati did on the 13th day of September 1816 purchase the lot or South West 1/4 of Section 27 in Township Number 12, Number of range 9. West in District of lands offered for Sale at Vincennes containing by the returns of the Survey-General 160 acres --- hundred at the rate of $5.00 per acre. Amount for the whole of Section $800.00 of which there has been paid an account agreeably to the receiver of the Public monies the sum of $200.00 being 1/4 part of purchase money for the 1/4 Section Now therefore be it known that if the remaining balance being $600.00. Shall be paid to the receiver of Public Monies of Vincennes or to the Treasury of United States at or before the dates and periods follow. $200.00 there of on or before 13th of September 1819. $200.00 on or before 13th 1820 then said Caleb Crawford shall be entitled to receive a patent to the lot of Section above described.

John Badellit

Reg. of Land Office.

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March 25, 1818.

Caleb Crawford, John Hamilton,

Joseph M. Coleman,

bound to Governor Jennings

$200.00

Caleb Crawford Coroner

EX CERPTS FROM A DIARY WRITTEN BY ENOCH HONEYWELL

1816- 1830

DAVID CRAWFORD MENTIONED IN DIARY WAS THE GREAT GRANDFATHER OF CRAWFORD FAIRBANKS AND CALEB CRAWFORD WAS HIS GRANDFATHER

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Enoch Honeywell writes-

"My mother in her youth was Betsy Crawford, then living just north of Croton river, and nearly opp. my gr. father's (Enoch Honeywell) farm, and with her father, David Crawford, on his own farm."

My mother's brother was Caleb Crawford of Somerstown, N. Y. her sisters were

Sally, marry-- Carpenter of New Castle, N. Y.

Jane lived in Rye N. Y. - never married

Easther marry -- Dickison

Charity in Somerstown - never married

My gr. father (Enoch) had a brother Caleb (named for your gr. gr. father) 8 or 9 yrs. old, kicked by a colt and was trepanned a 3/4 in. hole was bored thro. his skull bone and the indented bone was raised to place. Then a silver coin laid over the hole and cure slowly expected.

"Our brother Caleb killed age 13- kicked by horse, ~~1816~~

1816- During the past summer my uncle, Caleb Crawford, had moved from Westchester Co, N. Y. to Cincinnati, Ohio.

He attended the land sales at Fort ~~Hamson~~ Harrison and bot. considerable land for himself and 160 a. for me (with money sent him)

Uncle Gilead Honeywell had also just moved from Bedford and settled on a new farm 3 mi. below Merom on the East bank of the Wabash."

"I now went up to Bed ford N. Y. saw my old friend, settled last of my business there, and started Uncle Caleb Crawfords father-in-law (Jonathan Kniffin) on his way to Indiana and then I took stage for Pittsburg."

In 1816 - Granpa writes about a land deal transaction in

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which Caleb Crawford handled the business for him. Seems of no consequence.

"15th July 1818 taken sick

"Sept. 1 boarding at Uncle Caleb Crawfords."

"I have a fever on me with ague every day Aunt Phebe Crawford very sick with fever and 3 ch. shaking with ague. Half the whole population are sick. Indians encamped near the house."

"May 9, 1819 left Terre Haute for N. Y. after absence from home of 3 yrs. and 2 or 3 months. Uncle C. Crawford has now an improvement of 130 a. and some farmers on this Prairie have 3 or 400 a. all of which has been made in 2 yrs. Terre Haute now has 35 houses."

"May 10, 1819 stayed with Uncle Gilead Honeywell. He has 700 a. (all paid for) lying 3 mi. South of Merom (a co seat of 20 houses."

Extract of letter to C. Crawford dated Nov. 25, 1824, Oct 30, 1825-

Extract of letter to C. Crawford all about how to deed land and affidavits etc."

This is all in his diary about Caleb Crawford

"Wrote a letter to Phebe Crawford April 25th, 1830."

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